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**Bruce T. Jones - District 4**

Many of us have played the party game where someone whispers a message in one person's ear and that person repeats the message to the next person and so on until finally the person at the end of the line hears the message and states it out loud. The repeating of the whispered message from person to person often results in humorous changes to the original message. That process, while humorous at a party, can be destructive in real life as those rumors turn into myths and misinformation.

*By-the-way, have you heard that the Police Department has officers hiding out in order to give tickets as a revenue source for the city and to justify the new department? Public hearings for land use decisions are a waste of time because decisions have already been made by staff and council members who are in the pockets of developers (or adjacent property owners, depending on your point of view). The district town meetings have been a waste of time because no one is listening. While it is wonderful to learn that*

## MYTHS AND MISDEMEANORS

people care enough to pass along even misinformation, it is also important to try to correct untruths that become accepted myths.

As a matter of policy set by our City Council, the police department is directed not to use traffic tickets as a revenue source or to justify the creation of the new department. Cottonwood Heights has approximately twice the miles of roads as some surrounding cities and yet issues roughly one-half the tickets. Does that surprise you? Tickets issued for moving violations have varied between 153 and 248 per month since September of last year. That means for each 24 hour period only about seven tickets are issued in the entire city by the total department.

We ask officers to make themselves observable in order to discourage other more serious offences and to create a sense of safety so important to a community. Over time, we hope residents will point to officers with a sense of pride and confidence, not as a source of intimidation. They are part of our community to assist and protect, not to intimidate, unless someone is up to no good. Their obvious presence in our neighborhoods is known to be a deterrent to crime. As a result, vehicle theft, criminal mischief, and response times are all down.

Prior to creating the new

Department, we had a DUI arrest rate of 22 for the entire year. Our CHPD officers made more than 75 DUI arrests in just the first four months after they took over. DUI's have now dropped to only 10 in March, partly because our police focused on drunken driving. Violators have learned not to drive drunk in our City.

Our department is featured on the cover of the recent Utah Peace Officer magazine. The article states that CHPD is moving "into the future with a positive outlook embracing the community."

The City Council district town meetings were completed on April 29. A variety of subjects have been discussed including the new school district, city finances, a proposed new 12 story office building, emergency planning, parks and recreation, and ordinance enforcement. The district meetings are a concern to council members because of a worry that only unhappy residents will participate. Experience has shown that is an unreasonable fear; far from that, the comments, questions, and suggestions have been constructively made and have been very helpful. Communication is the heartbeat of the city because it affords the opportunity to bring City Council focus in line with resident priorities. I believe those

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## Chief's CORNER



**Chief Robby Russo**

Two questions have been asked in one form or another, in all four of the City Council district town meetings held in April and May. 1) "Why am I seeing so many officers on the streets and in my neighborhood?" 2) "Why am I reading and hearing about more crime in our city this year than I've ever heard or seen in the past?" Both are valid questions and I will address them in this month's article.

**Question #1** - CHPD actually has four more officers than were assigned to the city under the old contract; but that has little to do with the greater visibility, as there are just four patrol officers on duty

at most times of the day and night. The real difference is the implementation of a proactive policing program. Since schedules are set, carried out, and supervised by city employees, the city's needs are in the forefront and there is no worry about CHPD officers being sent to some area of the unincorporated county (White City, Mill Creek, Willow Creek, etc.). Additionally, officers are not spending a lot of time sitting in their cars at street corners watching for traffic violators (although we do some of that quite effectively).

The proactive policing program has officers patrolling neighborhoods looking for "crime incentives," those things criminals look for as they decide where to "stop, burglarize, and run." For example: unsecured/open doors, open garages, keys in vehicles, running vehicles, piles of mail/papers, etc. In fact, if you find a CHPD door hanger on your door you will know that an officer visited your home and found a potential "crime incentive." It will be stated on the door hanger what the "crime incentive" is. This type of activity, and the fact that

at least four officers are always in their patrol cars someplace in the city, is what gives us the feeling that the officers are everywhere. This apparent blanketing of the city with patrol cars is, incidentally, a great crime deterrent.

**Question #2** – The answer to this question is much the same as the last, only with a slightly different emphasis. Because we are a proactive police department, serve within the city's boundaries, have detectives and officers working the cases on a daily basis, and have an officer who is a Public Information Officer, we are getting more notice from the media. Crime is not up in our community, it is just being handled differently as we pursue every case and, when necessary, we keep the media informed of what we are doing. For example, the recent accident on Wasatch Blvd. that claimed the life of a local resident, the arrest of the grandfather and granddaughter dealing drugs, and the fire that started in the middle of the night and caused considerable damage

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PACKAGE

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, better known as the Stimulus Package, is now filtering down to Cottonwood Heights and its residents. Some of you are aware of this; for example, if you receive Social Security or SSI, you have received a letter informing you that a one-time payment of \$250 is on its way to you sometime in May or June, 2009. If you receive Social Security, SSI, VA or Railroad Retirement benefits and haven't received a letter about your \$250 windfall gift, go online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) and see what to do about it.

For those not receiving one of the above benefits, whose family income is less than \$44,000 a year, there are programs available to assist you with energy related modifications to your residence or with lead-based paint eradication if your residence was built prior to 1978. However, these benefits will not automatically appear; they must be applied for. For instance, information about energy saving programs such as: weatherization, heating and cooling upgrades, electrical systems, appliance efficiency, insulation, etc., is available through the Salt Lake County Community Action Program or by calling the Utah Division of Housing and Community Development at (801) 538-7000.

There are also funds for other education, housing, health, and low-income assistance programs (such as Head Start, Senior Meals, Food and Shelter, Child Support, etc.). Most all of these programs are receiving funding, in addition to their regular annual allotments, and are enhancing existing programs and developing new programs with those dollars. There is not room in this article to provide details or contact information for all of these programs, but a call to 2-1-1 will

enable you to acquire the contact information you need.

As for the city, Cottonwood Heights has formed an employee/consultant committee, chaired by the city manager, to explore funding availability for some (shovel ready) projects and to search for possibilities of creating new projects to take advantage of grant opportunities. The city has already received an allocation of \$145,800 to develop a program that will help reduce total energy use, lessen fossil fuel emissions, or improve energy efficiency in transportation, building and other aspects of city government.

The city is preparing grant applications and exploring opportunities in the areas of law enforcement, trail development, road upgrade, housing assistance, energy initiatives, waste water control, handicapped accessibility enhancement, and pollutant removal and mitigation (Brownfields Remediation).

None of these programs is yet approved nor funded and the city has no information other than what is contained in this article. Those interested in what the city is doing in this regard should visit the city website periodically and look for updates. Properly noticed public hearings will be held as required and periodic updates will be written in the NEWS JOURNAL which comes out the first week of every month.

Anyone wanting more information about the American Recovery and Rehabilitation Act can go to [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) for information at the federal level and to [www.recovery.utah.gov](http://www.recovery.utah.gov) or [www.slcgov.com/recovery/](http://www.slcgov.com/recovery/) to read summaries of the various programs currently receiving and competing for the plethora of funding packages.

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to a home in the city, generated about 75 TV stories between them over a period of a week. These stories played daily at each news broadcast on all four local channels. This is due in part to the fact that reporters know who and how to contact someone within the city to get updates on important happenings;

whereas before, Cottonwood Heights was usually lost in the mix of county happenings and our identity was not often made known. Crime is not up, but it is being prosecuted and reported, another advantage of self-providing law enforcement for Cottonwood Heights.



## Cottonwood Heights' EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

Saturday, May 30th  
8:30 am-11:30 am

Ridgecrest Elementary School  
1800 East 7200 South, Cottonwood Heights

### Local Vendors!

- 72 hour kits
- Water Purification
- First aid kits
- Wheat grinders
- Solar radios
- Volcano stove/grill
- Portable stoves
- Dehydrated foods
- Freeze dried foods
- Water containers
- Storm lanterns
- AND MORE!

### Information Booths & Classes!

- City Communication & Emergency Response Plans
- 72 Hour Kits and long-term needs
- What is a CERT? *More than a breath mint*
- Generator use and power outages
- Yummy wheat recipes for everyday use
- Safety concerns with gas lines
- Water storage techniques
- Emergency care for pets
- Medical considerations
- Public Health and Utah Poison Control Center services
- Alternate fuel sources- heating & cooking
- Pandemic Influenza

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## MAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The May meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, May 5th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, May 12th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, May 19th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, May 26th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting





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## BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Last year, the city formed a Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) to provide suggestions to the council about bicycling and bicycle safety in our city. Our proximity to the two canyons results in myriad bicyclists on Fort Union, Bengal, and Wasatch Blvds. The convergence of bicycles, motorized vehicles, and on occasion, pedestrians, presents numerous possibilities for accidents. The BAC offers the following tips for bicycle safety:

- Bicyclists should be careful when riding on the sidewalk and crossing the street at crosswalks. Cars making right hand turns aren't expecting bikes in the crosswalk and the two may collide.

To avoid this possibility, bicyclists should make themselves more visible by getting a headlight, riding slow enough that they can stop in time, and not riding on the sidewalk in the first place. Riding on a sidewalk can be threatening to pedestrians and bikers alike.

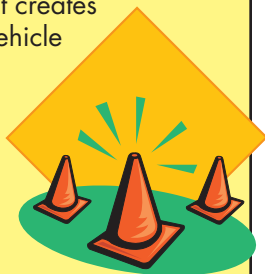
Watch the NEWS JOURNAL each month for additional bicycle safety tips from the BAC.



## PUBLIC WORKS PLANS

Last month (April), Public Works Director and Deputy City Manager, Kevin Smith, listed nine projects to be performed during the summer of 2009. With nine projects on the docket, it's unlikely additional projects will be added, unless some stimulus money is found that has to be used before the end of the year. In that case, the Public Works Department will likely be busy with a "design/build" project of some kind. In the meantime, the following projects, listed last month as being "ready-to-go" within the first few weeks of real spring weather, are still being planned and some will have bid openings this month:

- Water line upgrade will be installed between Highland Drive and 3500 East on Creek Road. This project will last most of the summer and will include different sections of culinary water pipe being replaced by Salt Lake City Public Utilities.
- Construction of sidewalk corner accessibility ramps on Nutree Drive between Winesap Drive and Bywater Park
- The first phase of the Cottonwood Canyon Trail project between I-215 and 3000 East will be completed. This trail will ultimately run to 3500 East, near the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- Begin construction on second phase of the Cottonwood Canyon Trail, between Old Mill Circle and Vista Grande Drive
- An asphalt overlay project will begin on Fort Union Blvd., between 1700 East and Highland Drive (UDOT recently hand-delivered a \$1 million check to the city to pay for this project), and on Union Park Avenue, between Creek Road and Fort Union Blvd.
- Various beautification projects, including the installation of planter boxes at bus stops in the city and upgrading the right of way landscaping on Highland Drive
- The access to 2200 East from Lonsdale Drive will be modified. This will involve the removal of a cross gutter that creates a problem for storm water conveyance and vehicle access.
- Installation of speed control radar equipment on Creek Road, one at 1400 East and the other at 2650 East
- Crosswalk safety improvements at the mid-block crossing in front of Brighton High School



## Budget Preparation is On-Going

The budgeting process for cities in Utah is mandated by state law. The requirements are such that most cities are always working on the next budget. Cities operate on a Fiscal Year (FY) Budget, beginning on July 1 of each year and ending on June 30 of the following year. Thus, Cottonwood Heights began operating under the 2009 FY Budget on July 1 of 2008 and must be ready to implement the 2010 FY Budget on July 1 of this year. During years in which the economy is relatively stable, this is not especially difficult for veteran budget-makers, such as those in Cottonwood Heights, although it is always time consuming. The veterans have been through the process often and have developed means for accurately projecting revenues and expenditures.

However, in years of economic upheaval, such as 2009, the process is much more complex. Law requires that city budgets (as well as state, county, and other political subdivisions) be balanced and approved prior to the beginning of the next FY, or July 1 in the case of cities. When there are significant revenue uncertainties, such as economic instability, possible stimulus dollars, probable contract modifications, and likely boundary changes, flexibility is critical in putting the budget together; yet laws make flexibility very difficult. Creating a flexible, but balanced, budget is an oxymoronic challenge requiring superior budgeting insight.

The Cottonwood Heights' Budget Officer and Treasurer, Gary Harmer,

puts in many hours every month meeting with department heads, council members, the Finance Director, and the City Manager, in an effort to create a budget that will enable the city to work toward attainment of its goals and still keep projections in a safe range for a balanced budget. The amount of property tax collected does not increase with inflation. State mandated formulas limit revenue increases from property tax to new growth, which there has been very little of this past year. Sales tax receipts and most city fees (building permits, business licenses, pet licenses, etc.) are all down due to the economy. The fact is, property tax and sales tax make up nearly 80% of new tax revenue each year. With property tax limited to the previous year's amount and sales tax taking a hit, accurate budgeting is very problematic.

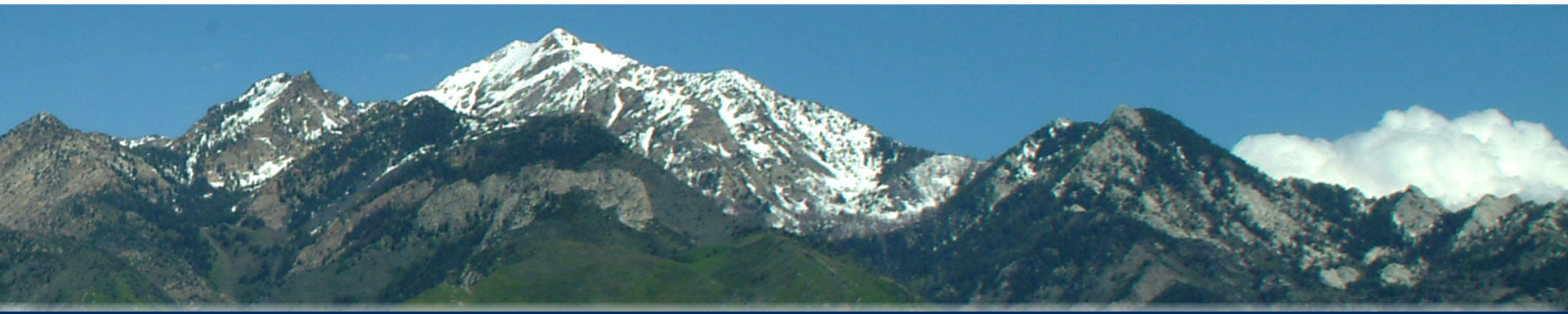
Cottonwood Heights' council, along with senior staff, is wrestling with a determination of where the projected revenues should be set in order to avoid a shortfall. **The city will not increase taxes** for the new budget, but will make cuts in order to achieve a balance, once a revenue number is agreed on. They recognize the need for flexibility in light of economic conditions and other factors that could influence revenue projections. They are required by law to have a public hearing in early June and then approve a budget before the end of the month. Notice will be given and a public hearing held before the budget is approved.

## LUMINARIA AVAILABLE TO HONOR LOVED ONES



The American Cancer Society (ACS), sponsor of the Relay for Life (RFL) scheduled for June 19 and 20 at Butler Park, is selling Luminary bags to be displayed at the RFL to honor both victims and survivors of cancer. Bags can be purchased in advance at the Recreation Center, 7500 South 2700 East, and decorated with photos or other memorabilia, in memory of a loved one. All proceeds from the \$10 fee will benefit the ACS and will go toward the search for a cure for cancer. Once a bag is purchased and decorated, it can be returned to the Recreation Center by June 18th or brought to the RFL the evening of the 19th to be displayed during the remembrance ceremony and illuminated through the night to help light the walking path.





YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Ask yourself the following questions:**

Do I want to be part of something fun, exciting, and worthwhile?

Do I want to be of service to my neighbors?

Do I want to enhance my social life by meeting new people?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, “Have we got a deal for you!”

The city has many opportunities, from election to the City Council to event volunteer, for residents who want to “Make a Difference.” Read the following, make a choice, and expand your horizons.

**CITY ELECTIONS:** In political jargon, 2009 is an off-year. It’s an odd numbered year when federal, state, or county elections are not generally held; but city elections are on the docket. In Cottonwood Heights that means the initial terms for Mayor Kelvyn H. Cullimore, Jr., Councilmember Don Antczak (District #3), and Councilmember Bruce Jones (District #4), all end in January of 2010. Anyone who has lived in the city for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the election dates, who meets the other residency requirements and is at least 18 years old, can run for mayor; likewise, anyone living in districts 3 or 4, who meets the residency and age requirements, can run for the council seat that represents the district in which they live. District #3 is mostly in the northeast corner of the city. Everything from Highland Drive to the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon and north of Fort Union Blvd. is in Council District #3. Council District #4 is everything east of approximately 3000 East, and south of Fort Union Blvd. to the city’s south boundary at approximately 9400 south (go to [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov) to find the district council map). The filing dates are July 1 - 15 at the city offices. Filing must be done in person and the fee is \$25. The election is non-partisan, so party affiliation or non-affiliation is irrelevant. If more than two people file for any office, there will be a Primary Election on September 15th to narrow the field to two for each seat. The General Election is November 3rd. Get answers to your question by emailing [ldunlavy@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](mailto:ldunlavy@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Three members of the first Cottonwood Heights’ Planning Commission must give up their seats in July of this year. Commissioners Gordon Nicholl, Jim Keane, and Geoff Armstrong, have each served as Planning Commissioners since incorporation and are not eligible for reappointment. City Manager Liane Stillman is charged by Utah State Law with the responsibility of appointing members of the Planning Commission with advice and consent of the City Council. She is now accepting applications and resumes and will conduct interviews to make selections for the appointments. She will narrow the applicants to one for each seat and then present them to the City Council for their advice and consent. These appointments are made at large or by council district, and this years appointments will be for four years. One will be at large and the other two from Council Districts #2 and #3. Those interested in applying should send a resume and cover letter to: City Manager Liane Stillman at the city offices. Email is acceptable at: [lstillman@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](mailto:lstillman@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION (ARC):** This is a five member commission charged with the responsibility to review and make recommendations on the architecture of buildings proposed for construction within Cottonwood Heights Gateways and Mixed-use Zones. ARC members serve two-year terms and can be reappointed for several terms. Currently there is a need for one or more of the following: a licensed architect, a landscape architect, a professional planner, an urban designer, an historian, a real estate professional, or a resident with an interest in urban design. Submit resumes to [mblack@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](mailto:mblack@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).

**RELAY FOR LIFE AND BUTLERVILLE DAYS VOLUNTEERS:** These two annual events, scheduled for June 19th/20th and July 24th respectively, are dependent for their success on volunteers to help with the logistics. Plans are for Butlerville Days to be “bigger and better” again this year. That will be accomplished with additional rides, an Art Exhibit and Expo, and outstanding entertainers. Details about the Art Expo and the need for entertainers are found in the adjacent article. Any who desire to volunteer to help with this event, from the parade to the fireworks and everything in between, please contact the city through the volunteer link on its website. Relay for Life is an annual effort, sponsored by the city, to raise funds for cancer research and to pay tribute to those who have lost the battle with

cancer or who are survivors and were able to defeat this dread disease. Teams are being formed now; but those not wishing to participate in the relay itself can find other volunteer work to do by applying through the city website. Susannah Hutchins, [shutchins@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](mailto:shutchins@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov), is the city representative for both of these events.

MANY THANKS TO EASTER VOLUNTEERS AND SHOE CONTRIBUTORS:

There were two events during April that were very successful because of efforts by volunteers in the city. Many volunteers, including the Youth City Council, helped make the Easter activities a success. The teenagers enjoyed a flashlight aided egg hunt on Friday night, combined with ice skating and pizza. On Saturday morning the youngsters found Easter eggs and toys, then enjoyed a kite flying demonstration. Thanks again to the many volunteers who helped make this a successful activity and also to those who donated to the drive to provide shoes for the needy in Iraq, Afghanistan and Tonga. Hundreds of shoes were donated in a competition with Sandy. Results of the competition are not yet available.



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attending would concur that the town meetings have been a great success.

On another subject, State law requires that certain public hearings be conducted in connection with proposed zone changes and new development proposals. Our citizens initially became concerned when the City Council determined to hold a number of additional public hearings in connection with a controversial proposal for a 12 story office building, because it was thought the decision had already been made and the public hearings were merely paving the way for the decision. As the hearing process proceeds, I believe most of the many residents participating will now concur that the city is acting in good faith not only in full compliance with statutory requirements, but also with an earnest interest in learning of possible impact on the health, safety and welfare of the community. Of particular importance to me has been the discussion of the necessary balance between residential use of property and job-creating commercial and office use. A true sense of that balance cannot be understood without public input from both residents and landowner.

Your involvement in helping shape the city continues to be both critical and much appreciated. Your efforts will be recognized as reality rather than myth in the future of Cottonwood Heights.

Butlerville Days needs ARTISTS AND PERFORMERS



As reported in the March issue of the NEWS JOURNAL (available on the city’s website), a new feature of Butlerville Days for 2009 is the planned Art Expo and Exhibit. Lisa Walker, Butlerville Days Chair, has announced that the deadline for vendors to acquire booth space has been extended. Applications and rules are available at [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov). Please make your interest known as early as possible to acquire the most favorable booth space.

The Cottonwood Heights’ Arts Council has also announced that it is looking for performers to participated in a “Broadway Revue” as one of the acts on this year’s Butlerville Days entertainment stage. Singers, dancers, musicians, etc. are needed and should contact Brian Allen at [brian@evvivaent.com](mailto:brian@evvivaent.com).





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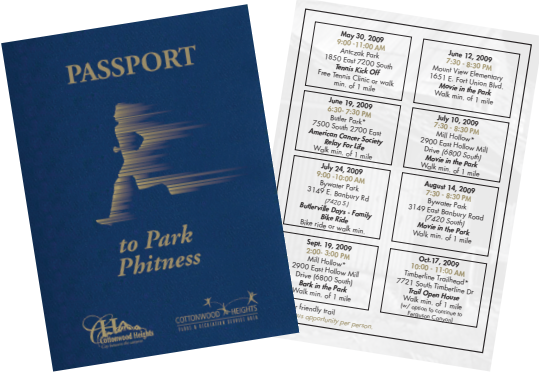
# PASSPORT To Park Phitness

Yes, I realize fitness is misspelled in the headline. But, it got your attention, right? It is also an attempt at spelling alliteration, thus making this new physical phitness program easier to remember. The real purpose for this article is to explain the Passport to Park Phitness Program designed to help you and your family improve your physical condition, enjoy some socializing, and explore/discover the myriad recreation resources and facilities in Cottonwood Heights. As part of the program, you will be able to attend a tennis clinic, participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay-For-Life, enjoy Butlerville Days' Family Bike Ride, attend three Movies in the Park, take your pet to Bark in the Park, and be part of the Timberline Trailhead Open House; then, on top of all that fun, enjoy a free swim or free ice skate session at the Recreation Center.

The Passport is free, all events are free, and the swimming and ice skating admission is also free. All you have to do is acquire five stamps in your passport by attending five of the eight events available. Once you have the five stamps for attendance at qualifying events you can go swimming or ice skating at your leisure.

The first of eight events at which you can acquire a stamp is Saturday, May 30th at Antczak Park, 1850 East 7200 South from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. At this kick-off, you will have opportunity to attend a free tennis clinic or walk a minimum of one mile to get a passport stamp. Other events will be held at least once each month from June to October (a complete list is available at [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov)).

A pocket-size passport with event dates and space for applying stamps will be available to those attending any of the events. Additional detail is available by contacting Susannah Hutchins, City Events Coordinator, at [Shutchins@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](mailto:Shutchins@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov) or calling 801-833-6399.



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH TO STOP HERE

On May 27th at 1:10 pm, the Special Olympics Torch Relay will stop for a few minutes at Cottonwood Heights' City offices. A brief ceremony will be held with Mayor Kelvyn H. Cullimore, Jr. speaking. For those interested in following the torch, it will be picked up at 1:00 pm by CHPD officers at the corner of 6600 South and 900 East. It will travel from that point to the city offices for its brief stop.



## FREE DUMP PASSES AVAILABLE

The city has a limited supply of free passes to the landfill for use in June. Those interested should check the city website or call 801-944-7000 to find out when the passes can be picked up at the city offices.

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

*This Community Spotlight features three men who have served on the first Cottonwood Heights' Planning Commission for the past four and one-half years. All three have served well, but are not eligible for reappointment.*

### GORDON NICHOLL

Serving others is a family tradition that runs in Gordon Nicholl's blood. Gordon is proud of the rich firefighter heritage that has been in his family since the late 1800's. He was trained as one of the first firefighter/paramedics in the state and helped to institute the first paramedic service on July 1, 1974. He spent 29 years with the Salt Lake City Fire Department prior to serving five years as Fire Chief at Salt Lake City International Airport. His son now carries on the family tradition. Since his retirement in 1997, he has been employed with Coldwell Banker as a Realtor.

Gordon is currently the Chair of the Planning Commission. However, he considers his greatest public service accomplishment to be as Chair of the Cottonwood Heights Community Council that initiated the city's successful incorporation effort; a feat that took three years of planning.

Gordon attended Skyline High school, University of Utah, and the National Fire Academy in Maryland. He and his wife Jackie celebrated their



43rd wedding anniversary this year on the Great Wall of China. They have two children, Kristi and Jason, and four grandchildren. For leisure time enjoyment, Gordon is a member of the Utah Maida Club.

### JIM KEANE

Jim Keane was born in Buffalo, New York where he attended the University of New York and received a degree in Engineering. He moved to Cottonwood Heights about 15 years ago. Jim enjoys hiking, camping, and the outdoors.

As an advocate for public service, Jim believes organizations thrive on volunteers. He has dedicated his time to multiple animal rescue groups, and spent five years volunteering at Hogle Zoo where he helped take care of the primates and the large cats, a service he eagerly anticipates resuming in the future.

Jim noted that the most important thing he has learned as a public service volunteer is that anyone can get involved and make a difference. He leaves the Planning Commission with mixed emotions. He enjoys his service to the city, but wants others to have the same opportunity. He stated that "Cottonwood Heights is not operating under the status quo of politics. Those in city leadership positions are approachable and open-minded, and



### GEOFF ARMSTRONG

Geoff Armstrong was born in Carlisle, England, where he attended London University and received an English Chartered Accounting degree (equivalent to a CPA). In 1964, his career took him to Canada. In 1968, he moved to Utah for his job with Kennecott and has lived in the Cottonwood Heights area since.

Geoff served the Cottonwood Heights community even before it was incorporated. He knocked on hundreds of doors as a member of the Citizens for Cottonwood Heights Committee, educating residents on the advantages of incorporation. He also helped find the location for the city offices, was a member of the committees that developed the first city budget, and created the original list of businesses within the city. Active in community events, Geoff chaired the city's one-year birthday party and the 3rd annual Butlerville Days celebrations. He continues to serve in various capacities on the Butlerville Days committee.

Geoff and his wife Margaret have five children and eight grandchildren. He enjoys staying physically active. In the 1980's, he was a member of the American Youth Soccer Organization, refereeing and coaching. He currently participates in tennis, gardening, hiking, and jogging.

